

Ground Monitoring

Ground monitoring is the most effective way of avoiding problems and catching violations or problems before they become too unmanageable. Yearly contact with the landowners is extremely important in keeping a positive working relationship. Good communication makes it easier for landowners to call if they have any questions or need clarification with the terms of the easement. Below is an example of how ground monitoring can be effective...



Problems Arise. Prior to acquisition of the easement, this area contained some old, discarded farm machinery.

Within a year, this relatively contained area became what you see to your left. In keeping with the terms of the easement (e.g. no dumping) the new material had to be removed.

The clean-up. In this case, another family member dumped material in the area, without fully understanding the terms of the easement. Ongoing dialogue and consistent discussions with the landowner helped resolve the problem and kept the clean-up moving along.





End result. While not always a fast process, the end result is what counts.

Many on the ground problems and violations take time to resolve. In the end, this issue took 2 years to solve, but looks better today than it did before the LCIP acquired the easement.